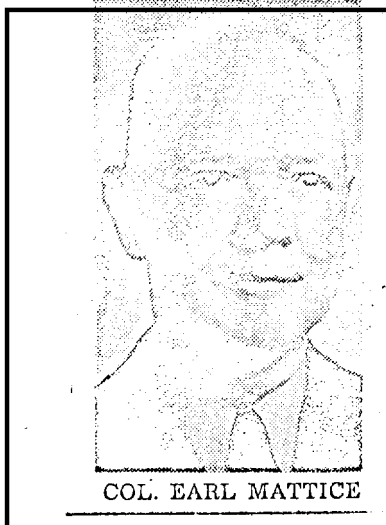


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Col. Earl Mattice, 67; Served as China Expert

Retired Army Col. Earl Mattice, 67, a China expert and a former analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency, died Monday at Walter Reed General Hospital after a long illness.

Col. Mattice, a native of Berne, N.Y., was a 1924 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. His interest in the Far East began in 1930, after he was assigned to the 15th Infantry in Tientsin, China.

In 1932 he returned to West Point for three years as an English instructor. From 1936 to 1940 he studied Chinese and served as an Army attache in Peking.

From 1941 to 1944, Col. Mattice was with the American Advisory Group in Nanking and for part of that time he was chief of staff of Chiang

Kaishhek's Second Army Group in China. Later he headed the Army section of the Military Advisory Group in Korea for several months around the beginning of the Korean War in 1950.

After his retirement in 1959, he worked for six years for the CIA.

Col. Mattice held the Legion of Merit with one oak-leaf cluster and the Army Commendation Medal with two.

He is survived by his wife, Inez, and a daughter, Alice Lou, both of the home, 6238 N. Washington blvd., Arlington.

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